

High Expectations, High Ercall

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Return to school – 5th January

I hope that you have managed to have a restful Christmas and enjoyed some family time together.

Following the announcements over recent days by the Government, I thought I would write to reassure you that as we start the new school year, on Tuesday 5th January, we will continue to work with yourselves to keep our school community safe, following all the guidance issued by both the Department of Education and Public Health England.

The first day back is as planned, **on Tuesday 5th January**, with classes starting at the same time as last term:

- Classes 1 and 4 at 8.45
- Classes 2 and 5 at 8.50
- Class 3 at 8.55

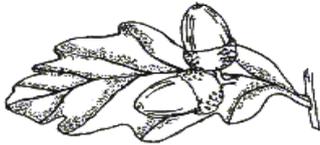
All arrangements will continue to be in place in school, including all measures for the start and end of the day.

Can I please remind you of the following measures which are now more important than ever:

- all adults should wear face masks on the site (unless there are specific reasons)
- 2m distance between families must be always maintained – please don't gather with other families on the site, on Church road or at the village hall
- it is requested that only one family member collects and drops off
- please contact the office via email and phone where possible and reduce the need to come into school as much as you can
- reduce things being brought in from home – NO BAG is best. Bring water bottle and reading packet only. Wellies will need to be in a separate bag on outdoor learning days.
- Please avoid sending your child in with shoes with LACES if they cannot tie them for themselves. Velcro is better for the younger children.

NEW MEASURES in place from Tuesday:

- We will be using an infrared thermometer to take staff and children's temperatures on entry. Anyone with a temperature above 37.8 will be considered a high temperature (in line with national guidelines). A repeat reading would be taken but if it remains high, then we will contact parents to collect and take the child for a test.
- Changes to one way system – to reduce the exit bottle neck. ENTRANCE now through the pedestrian gate, EXIT through the larger bar gate. I will be outside to remind all parents.



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It will remain as important as ever to ensure that we are all vigilant with regards to COVID symptoms. The testing system in Telford is efficient, and results continue to come back generally within 24 hours.

- Do not send your child into school if they have a temperature, persistent cough or loss of taste or smell
- Please ensure that if your child or a household member is exhibiting symptoms, the family isolates until a test result is returned.
- Telephone school to arrange to collect a sibling if an older child has been sent home with symptoms
- Be aware too of the **precautionary list of symptoms** – in Telford the LA is advising testing in adults and children with these symptoms too. Isolation is not required for these.
- Please keep us informed via telephone or email. We will ensure that we email with any information about bubbles as soon as we can.

I know that this is a difficult start to the Spring term, and not one that any of us would have wanted. We are doing our utmost to keep our community safe and I know that you will support us with all of the protective measures. Our updated risk assessment will be on the website by the end of Tuesday. The attendance of the children at school is also of paramount importance as they have missed so much through last year, and if you have any further concerns please do contact me at school.

There will be a further letter during the week reminding about remote learning expectations and how this operates in our school. I will also send home an online survey for you to register if you are a key worker and your child would need care, should we go into a full lockdown.

We are all really looking forward to welcoming the children back, and have an exciting curriculum planned for the term, with a focus on History. It'll be lovely to see them all return. We intend to keep to as much normality as we can for the children – and we know from last term that they are resilient and accepting of any changes we make which are designed to keep them safe.

As ever, I am always available for a chat on the phone, or via email, or in person at the start and end of the day.

Should things change from Mr Johnson's address this evening, further information will follow.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Roberts

Headteacher